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ALL Perſons who employ themſelves in Publick, are ſtill interrupted in the Courſe of their Affairs; and it ſeems the admired Cavalier *Nicolini* himſelf is commanded by the Ladies, who at preſent employ their Time with great Aſſiduity in the Care of the Nation, to put off his Day till he ſhall receive their Commands, and Notice that they are at Leiſure for Diverſions. In the mean Time it is not to be expreſſed, how many cold Chickens the Fair ones have eaten ſince this Day Sev'night for the Good of their Country. This great Occaſion has given Birth to many Diſcoveries of high Moment for the Conduct of Life. There is a Toaſt of my Acquaintance told me, She had now found out that it was Day before Nine in the Morning; and I am very confident, if the Affair holds many Days longer, the Ancient Hours of Eating will be revived among us; many having by it been made acquainted with the Luxury of Hunger and Thirſt.

There appears methinks ſomething very venerable in all Aſſemblies: And I muſt confeſs I envied all who had Youth and Health enough to make their Appearance there, that they had the Happineſs of being a whole Day in the beſt Company in the World. During the Adjournments of that awful Court, a Neighbour of mine was telling me, That it gave him a Notion of the ancient Grandeur of the *Engliſh* Hoſpitality, to ſee *Weſtminſter-Hall* a Dining-Room. There is a Chearfulneſs at ſuch Repaſts, which is very delightful to Tempers which are ſo happy as to be clear'd of Spleen and Vapour; for to the Jovial to ſee others pleas'd, is the greateſt of all Pleaſures.

But ſince Age and Infirmities forbid my Appearance at ſuch publick Places, the next Happineſs is to make the beſt Uſe of Privacy, and acquit my ſelf of the Demands of my Correſpondents. The following Letter is what has given me no ſmall Inquietude, it being an Accuſation of Partiality, and Diſregard to Merit, in the Perſon of a Vertuoſo, who is the moſt eloquent of all Men upon ſmall Occaſions, and is the more to be admired for his prodigious Fertility of Invention, which never appears but upon Subjects which others would have thought barren. But in Conſideration of his uncommon Talents, I am contented to let him be the Heroe of my next Two Days, by inſerting his Friend's Recommendation of him at large.

Dear Couſin, *Nando's, Feb.* 28. 1709.

'I Am juſt come out of the Country, and upon peruſing your late Lucubrations, I find *Charles Lillie* to be the Darling of your Affections, that you have given him a Place, and taken no ſmall Pains to eſtabliſh him in the World; and at the ſame Time have paſſed by his Name-ſake at this End of the Town, as if he was a Citizen defunct, and one of no Uſe in a Commonwealth. I muſt own, his Circumſtances are ſo good, and ſo well known, that he does not ſtand in Need of having his Fame publiſhed to the World; but being of an ambitious Spirit, and an aſpiring Soul, he would be rather proud of the Honour, than deſirous of the Profit, which might reſult from your Recommendation. He is a Perſon of a particular Genius, the Firſt that brought Toys in Faſhion, and Bawbles to Perfection. He is admirably well verſed in Screws, Springs, and Hinges, and deeply read in Knives, Combs or Sciſſars, Buttons or Buckles. He is a perfect Maſter of Words, which utter'd with a ſmooth, voluble Tongue, flow into a moſt perſwaſive Eloquence; inſomuch that I have known a Gentleman of Diſtinction find ſeveral ingenious Faults with a Toy of his, and ſhew his utmoſt Diſlike to it, as being either uſeleſs, or ill contrived; but when the Orator behind the Counter had harangued upon it for an Hour and a half, diſplayed its hidden Beauties, and revealed its ſecret Perfections, he has wondered how he had been able to ſpend ſo great a Part of his Life without ſo important an Utenſil. I won't pretend to furniſh out an Inventory of all the valuable Commodities that are to be found at his Shop.

'I ſhall content my ſelf with giving an Account of what I think moſt curious. *Imprimis*, his Pocket-Books are very neat, and well contrived, not for keeping *Bank* Bills, or Goldſmiths Notes, I confeſs; but they are admirable for regiſtring the Lodgings of *Madona's*, and for preſerving Letters from Ladies of Quality: His Whips and Spurs are ſo nice, that they'll make one that buys them ride a Fox-hunting, tho' before he hated Noiſe and early Riſing, and was afraid of breaking his Neck. His Seals are curiouſly fancied, and exquiſitely well cut, and of great Uſe to encourage young Gentlemen to write a good Hand. *Ned Puzzlepoſt* had been ill uſed by his Writing-Maſter, and writ a Sort of a *Chineſe*, or downright *Scrawlian*: However, upon his buying a Seal of my Friend, he is ſo much improved by continual Writing, that it is believed in a ſhort Time one may be able to read his Letters, and find out his Meaning, without gueſſing. His Piſtols and Fuſees are ſo very good, that they are fit to be laid up among the fineſt *China*. Then his Tweezer-Caſes are incomparable: You ſhall have one not much bigger than your Finger, with 17 ſeveral Inſtruments in it, all neceſſary every Hour of the Day, during the whole Courſe of a Man's Life. But if this Vertuoſo excels in one

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'Thing more than another, 'tis in Canes: He has 'spent his moſt ſelect Hours in the Knowledge of 'them, and is arrived at that Perfection, that he is 'able to hold forth upon Canes longer than upon 'any one Subject in the World. Indeed his Canes 'are ſo finely clouded, and ſo well made up, either 'with Gold or Amber-Heads, that I am of the Opi-'nion 'tis impoſſible for a Gentleman to walk, 'talk, ſit, or ſtand as he ſhould do, without one 'of them. He knows the Value of a Cane, by know-'ing the Value of the Buyer's Eſtate. Sir *Timothy* 'Shallow has Two Thouſand Pounds *per Annum*, 'and *Tom. Empty* One. They both at ſeveral Times 'bought a Cane of *Charles*: Sir *Timothy*'s coſt Ten 'Guinea's, and *Tom. Empty*'s Five. Upon com-'paring them, they were perfectly alike. Sir *Timo-'thy* ſurpriſed there ſhould be no Difference in the 'Canes, and ſo much in the Price, comes to *Charles*. 'Damn it, *Charles*, ſays he, you have ſold me a 'Cane here for Ten Pieces, and the very ſame to 'Tom. Empty for Five. Lord, Sir *Timothy*, ſays *Charles*, 'I am concerned that you, whom I took to under-'ſtand Canes better than any Baronet in Town, 'ſhould be ſo overſeen: Why, Sir *Timothy*, yours is 'a true *Jambee*, and Squire *Empty*'s only a plain 'Dragon.

'This Vertuoſo has a Parcel of *Jambees* now 'growing in the *Eaſt-Indies*, where he keeps a Man 'on purpoſe to look after them, which will be the 'fineſt that ever landed in *Great Britain*, and will 'be fit to cut about Two Years hence. Any Gen-'tleman may ſubſcribe for as many as he pleaſes. 'Subſcriptions will be taken in at his Shop at Ten 'Guinea's each Joint. They that ſubſcribe for Six 'ſhall have a Dragon *gratis*. This is all I have to 'ſay at preſent concerning *Charles*'s Curioſities; and 'hope it may be ſufficient to prevail with you to 'take them into your Conſideration, which if you 'comply with, you will oblige,

Your humble Servant.

'N. B. *Whereas there came out laſt Term ſeveral 'Gold Snuff-Boxes and others: This is to give Notice, 'That* Charles *will put out a new Edition on* Saturday *'next, which will be the only one in Faſhion till after* 'Eaſter. *The Gentleman that gave Fifty Pounds for 'the Box ſet with Diamonds, may ſhew it till* Sunday *'Night, provided he goes to Church; but not after that 'Time, there being one to be publiſh'd on* Monday *which 'will coſt Fourſcore Guineas.*

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